

HOUSE RESOLUTION 185
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate the Beaux of the 1996 Beautillion Militaire on being honored by the Shelby County Chapter of the Links, Inc.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those noteworthy individuals and organizations whose accomplishments bring pride and honor to the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, for almost a decade now, the Shelby County Chapter of The Links, Inc., has presented outstanding young African American men to the Memphis/Shelby County community through the prestigious Beautillion Militaire; and

WHEREAS, the Shelby County Chapter of The Links, Inc., was organized February 16, 1983, led by Charlotte Brooks Polk, and known then as RARE (Radiating Attitudes of Resourceful Efforts), its main purpose was to provide a means of addressing the needs of the citizens in Memphis/Shelby County through coordinated efforts to enhance educational, cultural, and civic development; and

WHEREAS, the group's original membership consisted of twenty-one service oriented women who represented professional expertise in varied fields and shared the goals and ideals on which the organization was based; and

WHEREAS, in order to expand the realm of its services, it became necessary for RARE to affiliate with a national organization that shared the same goals. As a result, the group was inducted into The Links, Inc., as the Shelby County Chapter, on February 23, 1985; and

WHEREAS, through its implementation of such programs as Services to Youth, National Trends and Services, The Arts, and International Trends and Services, the Shelby County Chapter has become a viable instrument for progress in the Memphis Community; and

WHEREAS, as a part of its Services to Youth Program, the Chapter adopted Double Tree Elementary School and the Jessie Mahan Day Care Center. The organization has sponsored career awareness field trips, workshops on drug and alcohol abuse for youth groups and parents, and provided cultural activities for the students at Double Tree; and

WHEREAS, the men of the Beautillion exemplify a high level of achievement, from an academic, aesthetic and athletic perspective; and

WHEREAS, in April, 1987, the Chapter presented the first annual Beautillion Militaire for outstanding young men in Memphis high schools; and

WHEREAS, the proud young men of the 1996 Beautillion Militaire are survivors and achievers; and

WHEREAS, they are: Beau Christopher Anderson, senior, Germantown High School, son of Ridley and Yvonne Anderson; Beau Marico Bogard, senior, Germantown High School, son of Stanley and Carolyn Anderson; Beau Keyland Bond, senior, Whitehaven High School, son of Davey and Charlotte Bond; Beau Milton Bonds, Jr., senior, Hillcrest High School, son of Milton, Sr., and Gwendolyn Bonds; Beau Arthur Mitchell Burke, senior, Central High School, son of Sandra Burke; Beau John Bussell, senior, Central High School, son of Lawrence and Geraldine Bussell; Beau Alvinor Bright, senior, Memphis Harding Academy, son of Alvinor, Sr., and Ruby Bright; Beau Kenneth Currie, senior, Wooddale High School, son of Kenneth and Gail Currie; Beau Antoine Moi Floyd, senior, Central High School, son of Johnny and Rachel Floyd; Beau Edmund Ford, Jr., senior, Central High School, son of Myrna and Ed Ford; Beau Leon Freeman, senior, Whitehaven High School, son of Leon Freeman, Sr.; Beau Anthony Glenn, senior, Christian Brothers High School, son of Elnora Johnson and Albert Glenn; Beau Justin L. Harris, senior, Whitesone High School, son of Linda and Leon Harris; Beau LeMarcus Johnson, senior, Whitehaven High School, son of Rev. Charles Hytercine Johnson; Beau Patrick

Johnson, senior, Hillcrest High School, son of Brenda Johnson and David Sewell; Beau Lee Jordan, Jr., senior, Houston High School, son of Lee R. Jordan, Sr., and Connie Jordan; Beau Gerald Joyner, Jr., senior, Germantown High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Joyner, Sr.; Beau Christian Miller, senior, Germantown High School, son of Levi and LaVerne Miller; Beau Emmett McKnight, senior, Ridgeway High School, son of Emmett, Sr., and Dovie McKnight; Beau Quincy McNeil, senior, East High School, son of Gwendolyn and Willie McNeil; Beau Cortney Owens, senior, Christian Brothers High School, son of Cleophes and Marie Owens; Beau Jerry LeKory Randolph, senior, Overton High School, son of Jerry and Renita Randolph; Beau Grady Saxton, Jr., senior, Memphis University High School, son of Dr. Grady and Blance Saxton; Beau Michael Payne Sherrod, senior, Memphis University High School, son of Dr. Rome II and Thelma Sherrod; Beau Phillip Clifford Sims, senior, Christian Brothers High School, son of Dr. Clifford and Narquenta Sims; Beau Joseph Brian Stansbury, senior, Central High School, son of Curtys and Helene Stansbury; Beau Malcolm Thornton, senior, Memphis Catholic High School, son of James and Beulah Thornton; Beau Andre' Weathers, senior, Central High School, son of Jacqueline Johnson; Beau Kevin Williams, senior, Memphis University, son of Sharon and Basil Williams; Beau Mark Yancy II, senior, Whitestation High School, son of Luke III and Mary Yancy; and

WHEREAS, a college tour that included Tennessee State University and Fisk University was held for the Beaux; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to recognize those fine young people who, through their high sense of morals and concern for others, make a significant contribution to their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and recognize the Beaux being inducted into the 1996 Beautillion Militaire for their excellence and achievement as contributors to this country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to these fine young men our best wishes for continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we also commend the Shelby County Chapter of The Links for its commitment to youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the appropriate persons, with this final resolving clause deleted from such copy.

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